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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: APPROACH TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE

REF: STATE 072744

1. HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE. DO NOT KNOW WHAT MY CHANCES ARE OF GETTING TO SEE HIM IN TIME. HE DOES NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE AMBASSADORS, EVEN WHEN BEARING MESSAGES. IF IT APPEARS I WILL NOT GET TO SEE HIM, PLAN DELIVER MESSAGE IN FORM AIDE MEMOIRE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. IN MEANTIME, REQUEST CLARIFICATION FOLLOWING POINTS IN REFTEL.

A. PARAGRAPH 6 MENTIONS POSSIBILITY ALGERIA WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR CCC WHEAT, IF THAT COMMODITY AGAIN PROGRAMMED. WE UNDER IMPRESSION ALGERIAN INACTION ON OUTSTANDING PRIVATE CLAIMS WAS BARRIER TO AID, INCLUDING CCC SALES. PLEASE ADVISE.

B. PARAGRAPH 7 SPEAKS OF SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF MAJOR LNG CONTRACTS WHICH NOW UNDER RENEGOTIATION. WHILE PARAGRAPH CONTAINS NO COMMITMENT, ALGERIANS LIKELY TO READ IT AS SAYING WE HOPE THERE WILL BE POSITIVE OUTCOME TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WE IN FACT WORKING TO THAT END. IT OUR UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, THAT USG HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT

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APPROVING FURTHER LNG CONTRACTS, INCLUDING THOSE

ALREADY UNDER NEGOTIATION. WE WILL TRANSMIT MESSAGE
AS GIVEN, BUT WISH ALERT DEPARTMENT TO ITS PROBABLE
LOCAL INTERPRETATION.
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